



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: RAYBORN, Jerry  
Serial No.: 10/090,201  
Filed: March 5, 2002  
Title: WATER-BASED DRILLING FLUID ADDITIVE CONTAINING  
TALC AND CARRIER  
Examiner: Tucker, Philip Art Unit: 1712  
Docket: P-0023-US

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Official Action dated November 10, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) A drilling fluid additive mixture manufactured by a method  
comprising of:

admixing ~~colloidal solids~~ talc with at least one carrier to create a suspended  
mixture, ~~said solids having an affinity for oils, esters, glycols and olefins~~, said suspended  
mixture allowing the surface of said ~~solids~~ talc to be pre-wet with said carrier ~~prior to~~  
adding said mixture to a drilling fluid, said carrier being selected from a group consisting  
of oils, glycols, esters, olefins and mixtures thereof, and admixing copolymer beads to  
said mixture prior to adding said mixture to a drilling fluid.

2. (cancelled)

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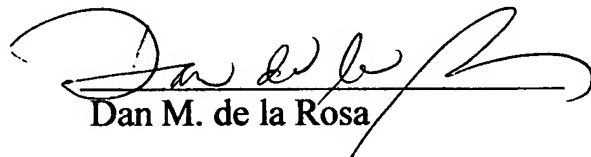
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 29, 2003

  
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